DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Continuation of Interest Reduction

Payments after Refinancing Section 236 Projects, OMB Control No.: 2502-0572

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner,

ACTION: Notice.

HUD.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [INSERT DATE THAT IS 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.]

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Colette Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

<u>Title of Information Collection:</u> Continuation of Interest Reduction Payments after Refinancing Section 236 Projects.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0572.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Form Number:

- HUD-93173 Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§236(e)(2))
- HUD-93175 Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§236(b))
- HUD-93174 Use Agreement (§236(e)(2))
- HUD-93176 Use Agreement (§236(b))

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The purpose of this information collection is to preserve low-income housing units. HUD uses the information to ensure that owners, mortgagees and or public entities enter into binding agreements for the continuation of Interest Reduction Payments (IRP) after refinancing eligible Section 236 projects. HUD has created an electronic application for eligible projects to retain the IRP benefits after refinancing.

Respondents: Profit Motivated or Non-Profit Owners of Section 236 projects.

Form #	Form	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours Per Response	Total Annual Burden Hours
Form HUD- 93173	Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§236(e)(2))	870	1	870	0.5	435
Form HUD- 93175	Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§236(b))	870	1	870	0.5	435

Form HUD- 93174	Use Agreement (§236(e)(2))	5	1	5	0.5	3
Form HUD- 93176	Use Agreement (§236(b))	5	1	5	0.5	3
Total		875		1,750	1	875

Estimated Number of Respondents: 875.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1750.

<u>Frequency of Response</u>: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Total Estimated Burdens: 875.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

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